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PRESIDENT: Oh, I thought that you said something about indefinitely postponing.

SENATOR WARNER: I am assuming Mr. President, that if it is not advanced it will...

PRESIDENT: Okay, okay. Senator Marsh would you care to close debate on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR MARSH: It is very late. I am urging you to advance 1010 so that we can go on to the final bill on appropriations bill on General File yet tonight.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote. Please vote. Have you all voted? Please vote. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 9 nays and 13 not voting. (Journal shows 27 ayes)

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB1011.

CLERK: Read LB1011.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, this appropriation would allow the purchase of a building at Peru and keep the bonded indebtedness program from going into default. I would like to yield to Senator Stull at this time.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB1011 appropriates \$450,000 for the purchase of Majors Hall on the Peru State Campus. It kills two birds with one stone. The state purchase is the first step in meeting the need for a health, physical education facility on the Peru campus. After the miscellaneous renovation and repair money which the colleges have traditionally received, the health and physical education facility was the number one priority of the Board of Trustees for capital construction. Their initial request was for 4 million...four and seven-tenths million facility by incorporating Majors Hall into the project a need can be met for two point eight million it would be a savings of one point nine million dollars. The purchase would also assist the college in meeting its revenue bond payment. It would not solve the problem of potential default, the proposal is not a bail out. In fact section 6-7 of the bond resolution authorizes the Board of Trustees to sell any building or facility compromising part of revenue facility which have been determined by the board to be non-serviceable, inadequate, obsolete, or worn or unfit to be used or no longer required for use in connection with operation of the revenue facility. The bond fund trustee must give approval of the proposed action in writing. If anyone wanted to bail out the bond holders they would have to remove the threat of default. This proposal does not remove that threat. In fact the college will continue to be technical default as they are today. What the proposal does is to recognize that the state can meet its physical education and health facility needs by purchasing a non-serviceable and obsolete dorm that is no longer required